



News from the ABLE Library

Summer 2023

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Summer edition of the ABLE newsletter! We have a few exciting updates and activities to share with you, but first, I'd like to say thank you to everyone who participated in our patron survey this year. Your answers will help us understand what you like about the library and what we can do to be better. If you have additional comments or feedback for us, please contact us at any time. We're always happy to hear from you and learn about how we can improve our service.

If you haven't done so already, check out our all-ages summer reading program this year. Our theme for the summer is "All Together Now," and we invite you, as ABLE Library patrons, to join in the summer reading fun! This year's program includes a summer reading bingo card and several virtual programs through the National Library Service. You can learn more by visiting our Summer Reading webpage at able.vermont.gov/summer-reading.

PROGRAMS

ABLE Book Club

Join us for our [ABLE Book Club](#) that meets every other month on the third Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

The next three meetings of the year are:

- July 19: **Lessons in Chemistry (DB107538)** by Bonnie Garmus

In the early 1960s, chemist Elizabeth Zott has a lot of challenges as the only woman on her team at Hastings Research Institute. She falls for colleague Calvin Evans, but the double standards of the day eventually have her looking for a new chapter outside academia, hosting a television cooking show.

- September 20: **The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland (DBC06240)** by Jim Defede
Recounts the inspiring story of the residents of Gander, Canada, whose acts of kindness touched the lives of thousands of people on September 11, 2001. When U.S. airspace was closed, 38 jetliners bound for the United States were forced to land at Gander International Airport in Canada. The citizens of Gander met the stranded passengers with an overwhelming display of goodwill.
- November 15: **Caroline (DB106936)** by Adrian Spratt
Young, blind lawyer Nick Coleman meets free spirit Caroline Sedlak in an evening fiction-writing course. He is fascinated by her, even when he realizes there's a darker past beneath her happy-go-lucky exterior. Nick must confront his own demons as he proves himself to his colleagues.

Memorable Times Café

Join the Central Vermont Council on Aging and the ABLE Library on the first Wednesday of every month from 10:30 to 11:30 for Memorable Times Online. This program sparks pleasant memories from the 1950's and 1960's to get participants talking and having fun. This dementia-friendly activity is free and warmly welcomes new participants. Please contact Barb Asen for more information or to register: basen@cvcoa.org or 802-476-2681.

Patron Corner

The National Library Service's next Patron Corner will be held on July 26 at 7:00 pm to celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. It will feature a panel of speakers who will discuss their experiences before and after the passage of the ADA. For more information or to get the meeting link, contact the ABLE Library.

UPDATES

Spanish-language Website

The National Library Service has launched a Spanish-language website to help connect Spanish speakers to a large and growing collection of Spanish books and magazines. Readers with low vision or blindness, or a disability that prevents them from using regular print materials can find information about NLS, apply for service, as well as find various resources and library materials in Spanish with ease. Link: www.loc.gov/nls/es.

Magazine Offerings

Twenty-one new audio magazines have been added to the NLS collection. Contact the ABLE Library to request these titles:

<i>American Indian</i>	<i>Jet</i>
<i>Baseball Digest</i>	<i>Make</i>
<i>Bookmarks</i>	<i>Prevention Magazine</i>
<i>Consumer Reports: On Health</i>	<i>Psychology Today</i>
<i>Cooking Light</i>	<i>Scientific American</i>
<i>Dogster</i>	<i>Selecciones del Reader's Digest</i>
<i>Ebony</i>	<i>The Sun Magazine</i>
<i>Fiyah Literary Magazine</i>	<i>Vanidades</i>
<i>Golf Digest</i>	<i>Wax Poetics</i>
<i>Guideposts</i>	<i>Yoga Journal</i>
<i>International Living Magazine</i>	

Braille Calendars

The National Library Service will provide print/braille calendars starting the summer of 2023 to NLS patrons. The first calendars will cover half a year plus the first month of 2024. Starting at the end of 2023, subscribers will receive 2024 calendars for the full year. Calendars are available in two sizes: a larger wall-type and a smaller pocket-sized calendar. To obtain calendars, contact the ABLE Library.

Tell Us Your Reading Preferences

We can customize the number of books we send to whatever works for you. We can also edit your preferences so that you get the kinds of books that interest you. We are always happy to hear from you and look forward to making sure you get books you enjoy.

Mailing Books Back to the Library

Here are some tips when sending books back to us in the mail:

- If you are returning a digital cartridge in a blue case, remove the mailing card. Our address label is on the case.
- Please do not use tape to secure the cases. Our cases will stay closed in the mail.
- If you send a note to us with your book return, please include your name on the note.
- Contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Inclusive Arts Vermont is a not-for-profit arts and education organization. Their mission is to use the magic of the arts to engage the capabilities and enhance the confidence of children and adults with disabilities. They partner with community organizations of all kinds, in all regions of the state, to engage thousands of participants in arts education, training, and exhibition programs. To learn more, visit www.inclusiveartsvermont.org.

BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

For more book recommendations, including for children and teens, visit able.vermont.gov/book-club.

New Audiobooks - General Fiction

- *The Unexpected Path* by Barbara Hinske (DB109069)
- *The Funny Thing about Norman Foreman* by Julietta Henderson (DB109019)
- *New Animal* by Ella Baxter (DB108839)
- *Dolly City* by Orly Castel-Bloom (DB109534)
- *Exercises in Style* by Raymond Queneau (DB108317)

New Audiobooks - Historical Fiction

- *Only Yesterday* by S.Y. Agnon (DB108606)
- *Keep the Home Fires Burning* by S. Block (DB110013)
- *The French House* by Helen Fripp (DB109183)
- *Lady of the Eternal City* by Kate Quinn (DB96195)
- *The Most Dazzling Girl in Berlin* by Kip Wilson (DB109091)

Adult Fiction - Mystery and Detective

- *Counterfeit* by Kirsten Chen (DB108938)
- *Service of All the Dead* by Colin Dexter (DB108825)
- *Gone Missing in Harlem* by Karla FC Holloway (DB109270)
- *A Botanist's Guide to Parties and Poison* by Kate Khavari (DB108936)
- *The N'Gustro Affair* by Jean-Patrick Manchette (DB108765)

Adult Fiction - Romance

- *The Cheat Sheet* by Sarah Adams (DB109351)
- *Honey and Spice: A Novel* by Bolu Babalola (DB109265)
- *A Heavy Dose of Allison Tandy* by Jeff Bishop (DB109245)
- *Catch Us When We Fall: A Novel* by Juliette Fay (DB109459)
- *The Hookup Plan* by Farrah Rochon (DB109479)

Adult Nonfiction

- *Where Have All the Birds Gone? Nature in Crisis* by Rebecca E. Hirsch (DB109739)
- *True Believer: The Rise and Fall of Stan Lee* by Abraham Riesman (DB102756)
- *Mission to Mars: A New Era of Rover and Spacecraft Discovery on the Red Planet* by Larry S. Crumpler (DB108943)
- *Caution, Blind Priest Driving: The Story of Fr. Thomas J. Carroll, Changing the Public's Perception of Blindness* by Rachel Ethier Rosenbaum (DB107915)
- *The Facemaker: A Visionary Surgeon's Battle to Mend the Disfigured Soldiers of World War I* by Lindsey Fitzharris (DB108939)

Accessible Youth Collection

- *A Perfect Time for Pandas* by Mary Pope Osborne (AYC000150)
- *I Broke My Trunk!* by Mo Willems (LP200315)
- *I See a Cat* by Paul Meisel (LP200317)
- *On Ice!* by Ethan Long (LP200352)
- *Rocket's Very Fine Day* by Tad Hills (LP200378)

What's New in Large Print

- *Spare* by Prince Harry (LP200034)
- *The House of Wolves* by James Patterson (LP200033)
- *Gathering Blossoms Under Fire: The Journals by Alice Walker* (LP200032)
- *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone* by Benjamin Stevenson (LP200031)
- *Wyoming Homecoming* by Diana Palmer (LP200029)
- *Putin* by Philip Short (LP200028)
- *Night Shift* by Robin Cook (LP200027)
- *Boldly Go: Reflections on a Life of Awe and Wonder* by William Shatner (LP200026)



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